

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1304

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A RESOLUTION honoring Greater Vision upon twenty years of ministry.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that this General Assembly should pay homage to those inspirational artists who perform pure and passionate gospel music; and

WHEREAS, Greater Vision is an exemplary gospel trio who have inspired and uplifted audiences with their unique musical style since organizing in 1990; and

WHEREAS, this year, Greater Vision is celebrating twenty years of their ministry, during which they have communicated the gospel through their rich vocal blend; and

WHEREAS, this most-honored trio in the history of gospel music is composed of lead singer Gerald Wolfe, the group's founder and emcee; baritone and songwriter Rodney Griffin; and tenor and songwriter Chris Allman; and

WHEREAS, *Singing News* magazine and the Southern Gospel Music Association have named Greater Vision as gospel music's Favorite Trio; they have also received numerous honors for Song of the Year, Album of the Year, Video of the Year, and Artist of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Greater Vision is heard by thousands of radio listeners daily, both on traditional Christian stations and via internet radio; they are also seen regularly on the *In Touch* television program, hosted by Dr. Charles Stanley, and have been featured on the Gaither Gospel Series; and

WHEREAS, not content to rest upon their expansive legacy as influential artists in their musical genre, Greater Vision pursues excellence with each new recording endeavor; their recording efforts team the trio with Grammy-Award and Dove-Award-winning producer Lari Goss in the recording of projects such as their latest, *20 Years: Live in Texas*; and

WHEREAS, almost 200 times every year, the three gentlemen known collectively as Greater Vision unite to present the gospel in a way that has endeared them to audiences across the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, these remarkable musicians exemplify the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Wolfe is grateful of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Donna; his sons, Ben and Avery; and his daughter, Casey; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Griffin has been blessed with the unfailing support of his wife, Regina, and his two daughters, Reagan and Riley; and

WHEREAS, Chris Allman deeply treasures the unbreakable bond shared with his wife, Kim; his sons, Dustin and Emory; and his daughters, Jillian and Jules; and

WHEREAS, Greater Vision should be commended for entertaining their faithful fans and helping to bring meaning to thousands of lives through the love of Jesus Christ; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and recognize Gerald Wolfe, Rodney Griffin, and Chris Allman of Greater Vision, one of gospel music's finest groups, upon twenty years of ministry, commend them for their ongoing legacy of making great music with a great message, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.